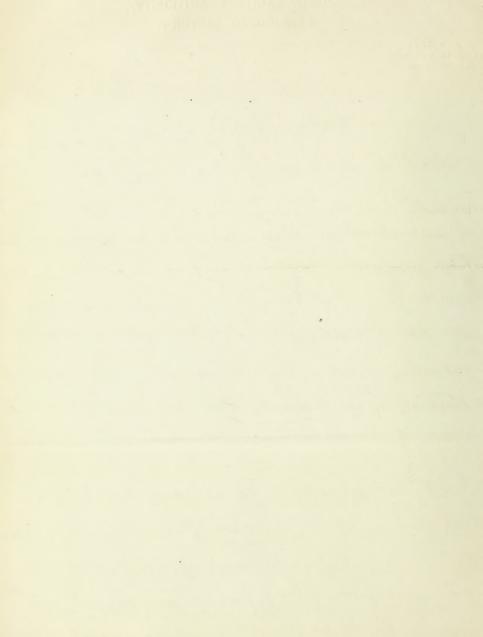
### RURAL SANITARY AUTHORITY, BRIDGNORTH DISTRICT,

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Gentlemen! Steg to hand you my annual report for the year ending DEC 31-1898.

Jable (a.) annexed contains a detailed account of all deaths; they total 110 or 12.2 for 1,000. Under five years 30 deaths or 3.3 per 1,000. There was one death from Diphtheria, one Turaperal from, and one from Whooping cough. There were 44 cleaths occuring armong people over 63 years foroving that a large majority live to a good age in this dictrict.

Jable B. shows that 13 cases of scarlet fever have been notified, 6 cases of diphtheria, I case of purporal fever, 2 cases of erysipelas. Five cases of scarlet fever came from a woman wilfully bringing Lev child from Shrewbury during the



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infectious stage. She was prosoculed and convicted for this offence at Shrewsbury.

Last year I recommended that all milk sellers chould be registered; this has been done and their premises visited. The result of these inspections has proved that the state of them was, in the majority of instances, for behind a satisfactory sanitary standard. They will now be periodically inspected and made to keep up with the require ments of the times. I must add that recent inorstigations into the cause of consumption bring so prevalent among children exems largely due to our bad milk supply. Therefore it is highly important, that all prople who sell milk should keep their cows under healthy conditions.

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### Water Supply.

You have recently received a long communication from the County modical Officer of Health I need therefore make no comments on this subject; except that during the last year the drought has caused great in convenience in this district, but, as far as I know, no illness has arisin from it.

### Closing of Schools

buring the past year alvely school was closed for a short time on account of Influence, and a second time on account of measles. Qualt school

was also closed for measles. Ditton Priors school for scarled fever, and Chelmarch school for whooping cough.

Last year I asked that tacteriological evamination of suspected cases of diphtheria should be made at the public expense. One case was sent up, Digitized by the Internet Archive in 2017 with funding from Wellcome Library

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and proved that the case was not diphtheria, thus, at once, I was able to relieve the minds of all connected with the case

touring the past year the portion of alvely village which Lad no drainage has been attended to; the rest of the village is still as it was. There is an open drain running down the village

of Claurly; this ought to be done away with by a proper public sewer.

The following table shows the amount of work done by the Inspector of huisances. On several occasions, during the year, I have made special journeys to places he has had to call my attention to.

In all cases something was decidedly wrong. Unfortunately, the majority of people look upon

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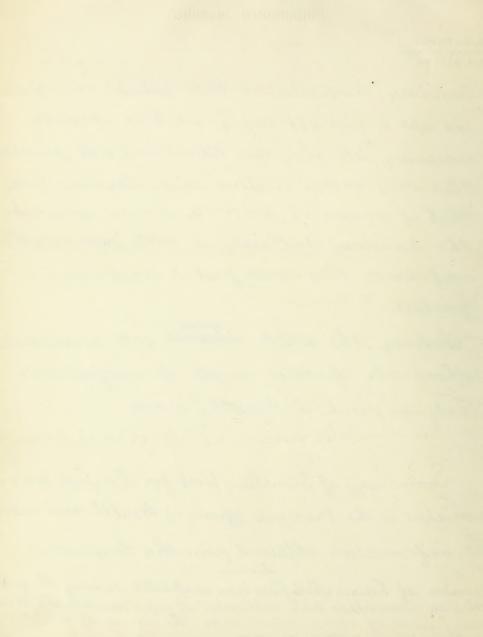
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Sanitary Inspector as their natural enemy, and are apt to put off doing what is absolutely necessary till they are threatened with proceedings. This only makes matters worse. It seems time, that if owners of peroperty would only take the Sanitary Authority a little more into their confidence, they would find it beneficial to toth parties.

Jaking the whole district into consideration, I think the district ought to congratulate itself on such a Lealthy 4-Ear.

Summary of Sanitary Work for the year to se 31/89 furnished by the Medical Officers of Health and embodying the information obtained from the Inspectors.

Number of houses which have been inspected during the year, either in connection with outhreaks of infectious disease, or in consequence of complaints or in the course of a systematic or anterny survey.



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Total number of notices of all kinds served,) including both formal and informal notices) 14	2
approximate number of such notices complicated. I	2
Particulars of Sanctary Matters referred	

(A.)	Houses to be disinfected after infections disease.	0
BI	Deficient or objectionable water supply.	20
01	The state of the s	1 (4

(c.) New drawns to be constructed or old drawns to be amended 43.

(b.) New closets to be provided, or old ones to be amended

in construction.

E) Houses damp or dirty or admitting rown or weather) or otherwise in a bad samitary condition. > 8.

26

3) Offensior accumulations of all kinds

(9.) Animals so kept as totr a nuisance.

H.) Houses overcrowded.

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Number of cases in which proceedings before magicines have been taken for failure to comply with any of the above notices.

(a) Exposure of bad meat for sale.

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(b) Tutlic exposure of infected persons or things. 1.

(c) Offensive against By-laws and Regulations relating either to Lodging Houses, Slaughterhours, Dainies and Milkshops. etc.

